Progress Report and Final Objectives

Management Plan for Hecla Provincial Park and Grindstone Provincial Recreation Park

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Dear Participants:

This report presents a summary of public comments on information contained in a background document entitled Hecla - Towards a Management Plan for Hecla Provincial Park and Grindstone Provincial Recreation Park. Public participation in the development of a 10 year management plan for these parks commenced with publication of the Hecla/Grindstone background document in May, 1984. The background document introduced a six-step planning program and presented a variety of information about the resources and present uses of Hecla and Grindstone. In addition, proposed planning objectives were outlined and 'topics for discussion' identified. A questionnaire was included in the background document.

Public meetings and drop-in sessions were held in Gimli, Riverton, Hecla Island, Manigotogan and Winnipeg in July 1984, to review the background document and to encourage discussion (Step 2 of the Planning Process). Approximately 500 persons were contacted and 13 different groups or organizations were represented at the meetings and drop-in sessions.

Public responses were received in several ways, namely: through completed questionnaires from the background document, through discussions at drop-in sessions and through oral or written submissions. This variety of information was compiled and reviewed by the Parks Branch.

This report comprises Step 3 of the process, "publish responses and finalize objectives." The final planning objectives presented here will guide the work of the planning team in the preparation of the draft management plan. Many of the objectives have remained unchanged from the background document. New ones have been developed based upon information provided by the public and as a result of comments and opinions relating to the topics for discussion.

There are four parts to this report. Part 1 records comments on Park Precepts. Comments respecting the background document's objectives are presented in Part II. Part III contains a discussion of new topic areas and objectives; Part IV lists other comments of interest.

The planning team thanks all those who contributed in this early step of the management planning program for Hecla and Grindstone Provincial Parks. We look forward to your continuing participation.

HECLA MANAGEMENT PLAN PROCESS

	STEP 1 Publish introductory report with specific objectives for Hecla and Grindstone	May, 1984
	STEP 2 Informational meetings and public input	Summer, 1984
→	STEP 3 Publish responses and finalize objectives	March, 1985
	STEP 4 Prepare and publish draft management plan	May, 1985
	STEP 5 Information meetings and public input	Summer, 1985
	STEP 6 Finalize plan and convey to the Minister	November, 1985

GROUP SUBMISSIONS

Comments and/or submissions were received from the following groups and organizations:

- The Hecla Ex-Landowners Association,
- The Interlake Development Corporation,
- The Grindstone Cottage Owners Association,
- The Manigotagan Community Council,
- The Riverton Area Development Board,
- The Northland Bowhunter's Association,
- The Icelandic - Canadian Fron,
- The Eastern Region of Northern Community Councils,
- Manigotagan Development Limited,
- The Hollow Water Indian Band,
- The Canadian Institute of Forestry,
- The Manitoba Wildlife Federation, and
- The Manitoba Naturalists Society.

PART I: PARK PRECEPTS

The background document stated that Hecla would be re-classified from a Provincial Natural Park to a Provincial Heritage Park while Grindstone would remain as a Provincial Recreation Park. These categories or classes identify the broad purposes of Hecla and Grindstone within the provincial park system. Several statements or precepts were presented to define the purposes of Hecla and Grindstone more precisely. The precepts and the range of comments related to them are listed below:

PARK PRECEPTS	RANGE OF COMMENTS
Hecla Provincial Park will:	
* represent and conserve the flora, fauna and geology of the Manitoba Lowlands and associated "inland sea" image;	- It is imperative to document the current status of the environment before the influx of visitors has an impact. - Hecla Grindstone areas are unique; they are fringe areas and are extremely sensitive to change. - The real highlight of the park must strive to maintain this image.
* reflect and preserve Icelandic cultural history;	- Should be a priority. - A definite must.
* reflect and preserve native cultural history;	- This is part of our heritage and should be preserved. - What exactly were the important cultural features on Black Island? They were never stated.
* provide a range of accommodation from high-quality resort to primitive campsites;	- Good, it provides a little of everything and can attract a wider range of tourists. - Must be strictly controlled, prefer an expansion of existing facilities. - Hopefully kept well within the financial range of average and low income population.

PARK PRECEPTS	RANGE OF COMMENTS
* enhance the water and marine-based recreational opportunities of this part of Lake Winnipeg; and	- Yes, the opportunities of being on Lake Winnipeg should be more fully utilized. - A definite must if you want more people to use the park. - Very good. Need to build up somewhat to attract visitors but also try to keep the island as natural as possible in most areas.
* provide a refuge for moose and colonial nesting birds.	- I am an avid hunter but agree with refuge concept. - Must be considered in any plan. - Bowhunting will never cause under-population of moose on Hecla Island. - Hecla is the only area in Manitoba that allows the archer to hunt moose without the restriction of the general moose season (hunters must wear white).
Grindstone Provincial Recreation Park will:	
* be a major cottaging area on Lake Winnipeg;	- Yes, Grindstone should remain a cottage area. - Grindstone provides an excellent opportunity to develop these aspects in association with location on Lake Winnipeg. - Grindstone is too far removed from opportunities on Hecla Island. Concentrate a more seasonal population nearer to these resources.

PARK PRECEPTS	RANGE OF COMMENTS
	- The North Shore Cliffs and Wells Harbour area must be protected from cottage development and it may be desirable to develop a boat camping area in such a manner to protect these areas of immense natural beauty.
* provide a range of private and public recreational facilities	- Yes, develop this area as a recreational park so that the character of Hecla can be maintained. - Guard against gawdy commercialism. - Environmental safeguards should be guaranteed.

ACTION

RETAIN PRECEPTS

PART II: OBJECTIVES PRESENTED IN THE BACKGROUND DOCUMENT

Proposed objectives to guide preparation of the draft management plan were developed under the headings of Natural Features, Cultural Features, Recreation and Commercial Resource Use. In addition 'topics for discussion' were presented for Cultural Features and Recreation. This section illustrates the range of comments on the proposed objectives and topics for discussion, and identifies both revised objectives and new ones which are the result of public input.

The objectives and comments respecting Natural Features were:

OBJECTIVES	RANGE OF COMMENTS
NATURAL FEATURES	
● to identify significant natural features in Hecla and Grindstone Provincial Parks and define management requirements to preserve and interpret them for park visitors.	- Essential this be carried out. - Agree, as the areas in question are distinctively different, different management of said parks is a must. - Good, should keep as natural as possible and need more information for tourists. - Not needed. - More information, better signs, better promotion of the 'Boardwalk' at the entrance of Hecla is needed. - The present signs are very ineffective. - Have information at park entrance gate. - Few people we have talked to even know it (boardwalk) exists or where it is. - The potential for using this area for nature interpretation is excellent.

OBJECTIVES	RANGE OF COMMENTS
NATURAL FEATURES	
● to maintain and conserve Black Island's diverse and unique vegetation.	- Agree, this is a part of the heritage. - Preserve it at all costs. - Sure, however, it should be utilized to also fill out the public's demand to use it. - Cutting is necessary to control mistletoe and maintain species composition. - If the silica operation is allowed, so should timber cutting.
● to maintain sport and subsistence hunting opportunities for moose in Grindstone Provincial Recreation Park and on the outer islands of Hecla Provincial Park.	- Agree,to a point that will ensure healthy populations. - Important hunting area for Hollow Water Reserve. - On a controlled basis with draws every five years. - Disagree, hunting of moose should be completely eliminated in all parts of a heritage park. - How can you have hunting in a highly settled area like Grindstone? Cottaging and hunting are incompatible.
● to manage Hecla Island as a refuge for moose giving priority to opportunities for viewing and interpretation.	- Advocate this approach where at least one place where viewing of wildlife is encourged. - Although I feel strongly that moose hunting should not be allowed on Hecla Island, this aspect must be subject to continuous evaluation. - Bowhunting, a senior citizens' season, and a primitive weapon's season should be allowed.

OBJECTIVES	RANGE OF COMMENTS
NATURAL FEATURES	
● to develop a comprehensive wetland management and interpretive program focusing on moose and waterfowl, with viewing stations, trails and brochures.	- Agree, the more interpretation the better. - Please expand this area, excellent idea. - Great potential that has not been nearly fully developed. The boardwalk is good but could be improved with better management. More open water areas are badly required to enhance viewing. - Don't let interpretive viewing and programs become the detriment of the species.

ACTION

RETAIN OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVES	RANGE OF COMMENTS
CULTURAL FEATURES	
● to stablize the remaining Icelandic structures of historical significance on Hecla Island in order to minimize further deterioration.	- I agree with this concept and view this development in the same manner I have in the protection of the natural environment. The heritage of this area is extremely important and should be restored. - Cultural history should be preserved on Hecla. It is of great interest to many visitors and adds its own interesting and different appeal, makes Hecla unique. - Should have been started a long time ago.
● to maintain the cultural landscape of the Hecla Village and the existing settlement patterns.	- Excellent. - More must be done here to prevent the disappearance of farm sites. - A little haying would be nice. - It adds 'true' flavour to the island.
● to manage Black Island in a manner which recognizes and protects its native cultural values.	- Native cultural values are too often overlooked. This provides an excellent opportunity to improve this situation. - Yes, but by 'managing' it, I hope it would not interfere with the native cultural values. - Use the island for a tourist attraction. - Develop a native cultural centre and recreational facilities on Black Island. - What about providing access for hikers? - Good, try to make it accessible to daily visitors.

OBJECTIVES	RANGE OF COMMENTS
CULTURAL FEATURES	
● to develop interpretive programs for the appreciation and understanding of the cultural history of Hecla Provincial Park.	- Very much so. It is very important that the people know and understand the cultural history. - Yes, a variety of programs should be introduced including those for handicapped. - Be certain that accurate native history be included as well as Icelandic. Their cultural interaction should be stressed.

ACTION

RETAIN OBJECTIVES

Cultural Features Topics for Discussion

In addition to the objectives respecting Cultural Features, the background document presented several topics for discussion related to the development of Hecla Village and land use in the village area. Public comment and discussion were sought prior to specifying additional objectives. The topics and comments received are listed below.

◎ develop a full-scale village reconstruction through public and private funding to create a major tourist attraction, including such functions as living interpretation programs and period costumes, as well as retail outlets such as stores and shops.	- Agree, as long as the cultural integrity of the village is maintained. For example, I don't think the development of a riding stable in the village area would be appropriate. However, a bed and breakfast accommodation complete with ethnic meals would be an exciting idea. - Disagree, the likelihood of developing adequate funding for such a project is doubtful at best. Better to develop a more realistic goal. - Agree - create a historical, cultural environment such as has been created at Lower Fort Garry. - Disagree, I have cost concerns. - It should depend on what the Icelandic people want. - Disagree, the story to be told should be specifically of the pioneering efforts of Icelandic people at Hecla and their contribution to the Manitoba and Canadian story of settlement.
◎ provide selective expressions of the Icelandic settlement through limited building restoration and related information displays.	- Agree, concentrate time and effort on a few good items. - Disagree, there is no need to 'limit' restoration. - Agree, more likely to occur.

° permit the leasing of former homestead sites where this will contribute to the continuation of traditional Icelandic economic and cultural activities.	- Nice idea but difficult to maintain and establish uses for 'traditional' uses. - A little farming and haying would add to the aesthetics of the village. - One backward step to reinstitute homes on Hecla Island. - Ex-landowners should receive a dedication of land that would remain in perpetuity within the family.

Discussion

The intent to continue with improvements to the Hecla Village and enhance public appreciation of the village's history is supported. Key questions which remain are the extent of village redevelopment and the respective roles of government and private individuals and organizations in this endeavour.

There are potential roles for both groups to create, co-operatively, a village that can become a greater attraction and a source of pride. Proper storage of donated artifacts and collections, and presentation of information for public interest and appreciation are potential goals for a redeveloped village.

The notion of individuals, groups and associations, co-operating in development and programs (such as the commercial fishing demonstration conducted by Mr. Helgi Tomasson) holds much promise, as evidenced by the interest, concern and enthusiasm demonstrated at public meetings. Both the Icelandic community and Native groups from communities on the east side of Lake Winnipeg have expressed ideas and developed proposals which will be considered in preparing the draft management plan.

The Hecla Ex-Landowners Association requested a dedication of three to five acres of land to members of families formerly resident on Hecla Island. Past disappointments experienced by certain of these families and their continuing deep-rooted attachment and love for Hecla Island is very much in evidence. Given the history of land acquisition and related legal implications and actions, the matter of land dedication will not be considered further. However, there are opportunities to address many of the sentiments and ideas expressed.

SEVERAL ADDITIONAL OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN PREPARED BASED UPON COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE ABOVE TOPICS:

- TO ILLUSTRATE THE HISTORICAL TRANSITION OF ICELANDIC SETTLEMENT THROUGH RECONSTRUCTION OF THE HECLA FISHING VILLAGE.

- TO ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND PARTICIPATION OF CO-OPERATING ASSOCIATIONS IN THE DELIVERY OF PROGRAMS RESPECTING NATIVE CULTURAL HISTORY AND THE ICELANDIC WAY OF LIFE ON HECLA ISLAND.

- TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRIVATELY-OPERATED COMMERCIAL SERVICES CONSISTENT WITH THE FISHING VILLAGE THEME, THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL LEASING OF LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VILLAGE AREA.

RECREATION

The objectives and comments respecting Recreation were:

OBJECTIVES	RANGE OF COMMENTS
● to improve and expand opportunities for year-round outdoor recreation in the area surrounding Gull Harbour Lodge.	- Good, need to attract more people to Gull Harbour in the winter. - Yes, to improve economic viability of the park. - Yes, I agree. The Gull Harbour area could use a store, vendors and a laundromat. Also, this area could use another place to dine. The hotel is not sufficient for serving the whole island. The waterfront at Gull Harbour would be an excellent place for another restaurant.
● to develop a serviced marina at Gull Harbour which can be expanded in pace with demand and which complements existing private marinas on Lake Winnipeg.	- Should be developed to its fullest capacity. - Yes, we keep a sailboat on the Lake of the Woods because there are no proper facilities at Hecla. - Emphasis on the use of the marina should be on sailboats. - Too much money out of public funds for use of only a few. - Agree, but Hecla's location makes it not a prime area for small craft.
● to work closely with federal agencies so that appropriate safe boating programs are encouraged.	- Increase accessibility to marine weather forecasts to non-radio-equipped boaters. Safe boating procedures cannot be over-emphasized. - Agree, a must.

OBJECTIVES	RANGE OF COMMENTS
RECREATION	
● to expand the rental cabins on Hecla by 25 units and consider their year-round use.	- Expand cabins to the fullest degree. There is such a public demand that you should make use of it. - Yes, I would especially like to see year-round accessibility. During the off-season, the Lodge is the only place to stay; a costly venture for the average family of four. - These would look better if they were designed along the lines of cabins at Camp Morton. - What is the occupancy of the existing units? Does it really warrant additional units? - Yes, year-round and please expand; we can never get them on the day we want them.
● to expand cottaging opportunities on Grindstone consistent with resource capability and public demand up to a level of 1000 lots (including the existing 350).	- If development of this nature is to occur, then I certainly prefer it to happen on Grindstone. - Expand, but be careful not to turn it into a small city. Manitoba doesn't need another Falcon Lake. - Good; number proposed, however, may be too great. - Too many now. - Private cottage development should be restricted to Grindstone. - Agree, plus the development of support facilities.

OBJECTIVES	RANGE OF COMMENTS
RECREATION	
● to develop a greater variety of trails on Hecla including hiking, self-guided and snowmobile trails.	- Good, Hecla needs a greater variety of trails. - This should include Grindstone. - Yes, but not for snowmobiles on Hecla. - Excellent idea, not costly. - Snowmobile trails must be carefully planned and regulated to minimize the destructive effects of this pursuit. - Hecla Island is not a large enough park to have a lot of man-made trails. - Do increase, put more history into trails. - Develop trails into the marsh. - The Hecla shoreline is probably the most interesting hiking trail and should be emphasized.
● to encourage the establishment of a commercially-operated public boat-touring service in and around the Hecla area.	- Good idea; we would use this service. - Yes, this will increase tourism. - Only if they can be in keeping with the concept of a heritage park - that is, not an intrusive force. - Yes, most people do not have the resources to get to the other islands. - Yes, tourists would like this as an extra to camping.
● to diversify and increase camping opportunities by developing a new 100-unit waterfront campground along the southeast shoreline of Hecla Island.	- Yes, it would be nice to camp on the lakeshore. - This is a must in the near future.

OBJECTIVES	RANGE OF COMMENTS
RECREATION	
	- Disagree, too close to eagles' nests and the great blue heron colony.
	- Waterfront camping would be excellent; sure do have the space.
	- Disagree, there are possibilities that opening the S.E. shoreline will cause environmental damage.
	- Agree, as long as it does not overcrowd this fragile habitat.
● to exclude camping facilities from Grindstone Provincial Recreation Park.	- I think people should have a choice of where they would like to camp. Not all can afford cottages.
	- Some primitive camping should be permitted.
	- Primitive camping facilities acceptable at Little Grindstone.
	- Do not develop Well's Harbour area on Grindstone Point for drive-in use.
	- Where will hunters and visitors to those 1000 cottages stay?

Discussion

Comments concerning the improvement of facilities in the Gull Harbour Campground (i.e. increase in electrical service, need for a large shelter) will be considered as part of the ongoing development and operation of the campground. Comments respecting the subject of campground development on Grindstone has resulted in the modification of one objective.

ACTION

REVISE THE OBJECTIVE CONCERNING EXCLUSION OF CAMPING AT GRINDSTONE AS FOLLOWS:

- TO EVALUATE CAPABILITY AND POTENTIAL DEMAND FOR COMMERCIALLY PROVIDED CAMPING FACILITIES ON GRINDSTONE CONSISTENT WITH THIS PARK'S PRIMARY FUNCTION AS A COTTAGING AREA.

Recreation Topics for Discussion

Public comment was sought on a range of Recreation topics including boat-in camping, cottaging, a private development proposal on Hecla and the partially constructed road on Black Island. Several new objectives have been developed as a result. The topics and comments are as follows:

◎ develop boat-in, hike-in camping areas on Hecla Island.

- I feel that the emphasis on recreational opportunities should be on a variety of pursuits and on non-motorized ones. This would be most in keeping with a heritage park.
- Disagree, partially, most people in Manitoba are too inexperienced to handle big water conditions.

◎ develop boat-in camping on Punk and Black Islands.

- Agree (Black).
- Agree (Punk).
- There are good beaches on Deer Island, also.
- Disagree, most people in Manitoba are too inexperienced to handle big water conditions.
- Disagree, litter would spoil smaller islands like Punk Island.

◎ accommodate the development of cottage lots on Hecla.

- Agree, as long as it does not detract from the village site.
- Disagree, use Grindstone for cottages, hard to maintain the conservation of the park with people living there.
- Agree, lots of room.
- Disagree, cottages take away from the general public.
- Agree, a limited amount.
- Disagree, not every Provincial Park has to have cottages. Provide alternatives to areas like the Whiteshell. You already have cottages on Grindstone.

	- Disagree, restrict cottages to Grindstone.
◎ accommodate cottage lot development only in Grindstone Provincial Recreation Park.	- Disagree, there are too many cottages on Grindstone now. - Restrict this to Grindstone. - Yes, keep cottaging on Grindstone. - Good idea if it keeps them off Hecla.
◎ accommodate a 200-unit time-share resort development on Hecla.	- Disagree, definitely not. There may be a time and place for these resorts but I don't believe Hecla is one of them. - Agree, lots of room. - Disagree, another white elephant. - Allowing private development of this sort represents a great betrayal to the former residents.
◎ Black Island Road: level the grade and allow to revert to natural state.	- Disagree, why waste it? - Neutral, its reverting quite naturally to its own. - Agree, leave it as it is to revert to natural. - Disagree, it acts as a good fire-guard and access to fires.
◎ investigate alternative ways to use the road for recreational purposes.	- Disagree, leave Black Island alone. It receives few visitors now; the odd sailor, a moose hunter, fishermen and berry pickers frequent the island and I think it should stay the way it is. - Agree; if at all possible, the grade should be used as part of boat-in, hike-in camping area which could be located on the island.

Discussion

The scenery, beaches and solitude of Black and Deer Islands present attractive camping experiences. The extent to which this activity should be encouraged beyond present use is a key question. Public safety is a major concern given the potential hazards of operating small craft on Lake Winnipeg. Expansion of remote camping may well depend on the availability of commercial transportation services.

Regarding the topic of private cottage lot development within the Hecla/Grindstone planning area, Grindstone will continue to be the focus for this activity. No consideration will be given in the draft management plan to private cottaging on Hecla Island. It is acknowledged that several land owners have proposed subdivision of land for cottaging purposes, both prior to and during public meetings.

Overall public response to the specific proposal for development of a time-share resort on Hecla was not positive. Nonetheless, the Hecla/Grindstone area has an important role as a tourism destination area and opportunities for public-serving accommodation and service facilities that could be delivered through private investment will be considered in developing the draft management plan.

Due to the current state of the Black Island road and the objectives for Black Island set down in the background report, no serious consideration will be given to development of an all-weather road on the island.

ADDITIONAL OBJECTIVES IN THE AREA OF RECREATION ARE:

- **TO DEVELOP BOAT-IN CAMPING FACILITIES ON BLACK AND DEER ISLANDS IN PACE WITH DEMAND.**
- **TO IDENTIFY DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS AND ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR COMMERCIAL, ROOFED ACCOMMODATION ON HECLA ISLAND.**
- **TO TAKE NO ACTION ON THE BLACK ISLAND ROAD THEREBY ALLOWING THE AREA TO REVERT TO A NEAR-NATURAL STATE.**

COMMERCIAL RESOURCE USE

The objectives and comments concerning Commercial Resource Use were:

OBJECTIVES	RANGE OF COMMENTS
● to recognize as long-term commitment the silica sand operation on Black Island.	- Definitely, provides revenue to the Province. - What is already there, should be maintained as it is part of our heritage. - Yes, but no major expansion. - Yes, but developers must be required to rehabilitate. - If the silica harvest is to continue, the government should look favourably at the harvesting of softwood species on Black Island, with preference to the Manigotagan Development Limited.
● to recognize commercial fishing as an ongoing activity and integrate it with other park programs.	- Yes, it has always been an integral part of the island; it should definitely be kept that way. - Most definitely, this is part of the island's character and if removed, the park loses. - Yes, fishing on Hecla Island was the soul of the community and certainly adds to the heritage aspects of the park. - Agree, needed for 'living' interpretation to be effective. - Both as an Icelandic and native way of life.
● to permit small-scale commercial harvesting such as fuelwood, post and pole cutting on Grindstone.	- Yes, particularly if it provides a local source of employment. - Only in selected areas, not visible to or affecting cottage areas.

OBJECTIVES	RANGE OF COMMENTS
COMMERCIAL RESOURCE USE	
	- This will have to be discussed in depth to avoid harming natural features as well as game animals.
● to permit small-scale timber cutting on Hecla for park purposes such as public safety, wildlife habitat improvements, and/or as part of program designed to re-create the cultural history.	- Good. Helps new forest growth while taking away hazards such as fallen trees, deadwood, lessens fire hazards, etc.
	- Only in areas which will not interfere with special plant communities that exist on Hecla Island.
	- Any such programs should be carefully monitored because it both creates and destroys habitat.

ACTION

RETAIN OBJECTIVES.

PART III: NEW TOPICS AND OBJECTIVES

A variety of ideas and comments were received during public meetings on topics which were not discussed in the background document; two new objectives have been prepared as a result. These new topics and objectives are discussed further.

Park boundaries were a matter of concern to some persons, particularly in regard to potential conflicts or limitations on agricultural use adjacent to Hecla and Grindstone.

Representatives of nearby communities both in the Interlake and on the east side of Lake Winnipeg expressed concerns about the need for closer linkage among the parks and the communities. These communities wish to take greater advantage of economic "spin-offs" associated with park visitation and operations.

A topic of particular concern to Manigotagan and other east side communities is reinstatement of ferry services between Gull Harbour and the lake's east side for tourism and local employment purposes. Preliminary investigations into the feasibility of reinstating this service have since been undertaken by the Department of Natural Resources. The likelihood of providing this type of service as part of future park operations appears to be very remote.

TWO NEW OBJECTIVES ARE:

- **TO EVALUATE THE EXISTING BOUNDARIES OF HECLA AND GRINDSTONE PROVINCIAL PARKS AND IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS.**
- **TO IDENTIFY COMPLEMENTARY SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO HECLA AND GRINDSTONE WHICH COULD BE PROVIDED IN REGIONAL COMMUNITIES.**

PART IV: OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS

Additional comments, ideas, and suggestions were made at public meetings about development of the management plan. These comments will be considered in preparing the draft management plan.

Comments

"People are waiting to donate items to the Parks Branch if a museum was established."

"Develop a local handicraft outlet, with both Native and Icelandic products."

"Encourage local artists to work and sell products on Hecla Island."

"A library is needed."

"Put names of homesteads on plaques on the sites where their homesteads were situated."

"Put up a plaque showing the family names of all individuals who had settled and lived on Hecla Island up to the time of expropriation."

"Provide outboard motor boat rentals."

"Provide a hiking trail to Well's Harbour."

"Open campgrounds earlier and close later."

"More night-life."

"More organized socializing programs for kids."

"Beach access from main parking lot is steep and dangerous."

"Build a creative playground for kids."

"Although the cost of road construction is high, it must be given top priority if the park is to be utilized by the general public."

"Any developments on Black Island should include local people first."

"Any competition for concession operations should be offered to ex-Islanders first."

"Park Managers should live on Hecla Island."

"It is not necessary to have all staff living on Hecla Island."

The planning process has now proceeded to the end of Step 3. The objectives and ideas presented in this report will guide preparation of the Draft Management Plan (Step 4). Once completed, the draft plan will be available for public review and comment.